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RAJYA SABHA

Aviation Master Plan for Gujarat

1359. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received an aviation master plan for the State of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Consumer participation for effective regulatory reforms

1360. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all regulatory laws and arrangements recognize consumer interest as one of its primary objectives, but the same is not as effective as it should be, due to lack of consumer advocacy and weak capacity of consumer organizations; and

(b) what steps the Central Government have taken or propose to undertake to improve consumer participation for effective regulatory reforms?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Security of religious and cultural places

†1361. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government propose to provide special security cover to certain important religious and cultural places in the country;

(b) if so, the places selected under the said plan; and

(c) the criterion fixed for selection thereof and the details of budgetary provision made by Government for the security of these places?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The places selected under the said plan are (1) Rām Janam Bhoomi/Babri Masjid Complex, Ayodhya, (2) Krishan Janam Bhoomi/Shahi Idgāh Masjid Complex, Mathura, (3) Kanshi Vishvanath Temple/Gyanvapi Mosque Complex, Varanasi, (4) Taj Mahal, (5) Red Fort in Agra and Delhi, (6) Rumtek Monastery, Gantok (Sikkim), (7) Khajuraho, (8) Sanchi, (9) Rajghat, (10) National Museum, New Delhi and (11) Salarjung Museum, Hyderabad.

(c) "Law & Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the VIIth schedule of the Constitution of India. Therefore, the security of religious sites/places is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration.

The Ministry of Home Affairs issues necessary advisories for strengthening the security of religious sites/places to all State and UT from time to time depending upon the threat perception. However, if any State/UT approaches the Union Government for assistance to provide security coverage to the religious places, the same is considered and decided on merits by taking into account, intelligence inputs received from concerned agencies.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has made a budgetary provision of Rs.24.91 crores for the security of the places mentioned in reply to (b) above.

Monuments under ASI in Rajasthan

1362. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the protected monuments under ASI in Rajasthan;